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Lakeshore Excellence Foundation

SPRING 2017

Save the Date

15th Annual Lakeshore Scramble at Harbor Shores

Monday, June 19, 2017

Registration begins at 8 A.M.
Practice Facility Open to All
Shotgun start at 9 A.M.
Buffet Lunch, Raffles, Tee Gifts, Course Games including Hole in One Contest & more.

Register online: LEFonline.org

Lakeshore Scramble proceeds to support LEF's grants and projects for Lakeshore students and staff.

Consider a business or hole sponsorship?

Contact event chair Bill Scaletta at: 269 429-1638 or williamscaletta@sbcglobal.net

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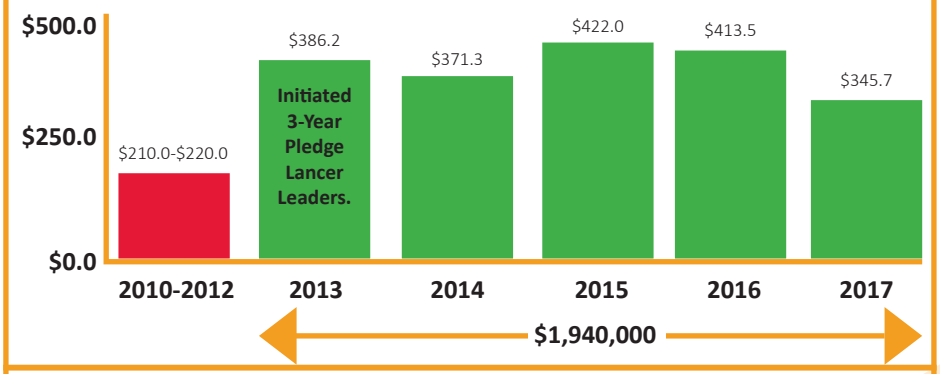
LEF REPORTS TO THE LAKESHORE BOARD OF EDUCATION

On December 12, LEF Chairman J.C. Anderson had the opportunity to provide an update to the Lakeshore Public Schools Board of Education. The update included the mission and results of LEF, which have only been made possible by the generosity of you, our supporters. Together, the Board of Education and the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation can ensure that the funds raised for our schools are used where most needed to support larger projects that would otherwise be unfunded.

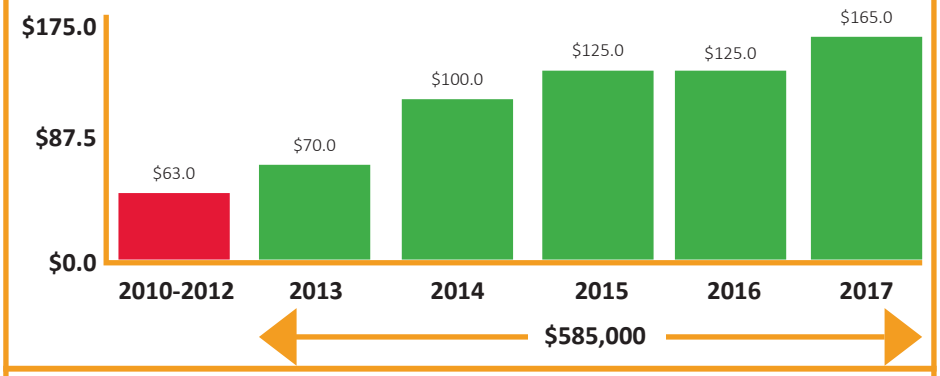
NET AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS/GRANTS



2016 Net Available for Projects/Grants

21st Century Learning Centers, Grants, STEM Implementation, Stadium Speakers, Economic Club, Alumni Assn. Support, L.L. Awards, Kindergarten Books

FUND UTILIZATION ... GRANTS



162 different grants, 257 students, 172 teachers

LEF OPERATING PRINCIPLES

- $400,000 net contribution to Lakeshore Public Schools annually.
- Exciting and impactful programs/projects leading to donor support.
- Extensive development of alumni contacts leading to financial support.

Fund Utilization Major Projects

- **2011-2013**
  $185,000
  Technology Upgrade
- **2014-2016**
  $600,000
  Media Center Transformation
- **2016-2018**
  $425,000
  STEM Implementation

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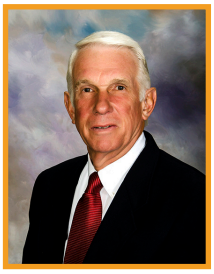
Lakeshore Excellence Foundation Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund is our long-term strategy to funding the LEF mission of learning for generations to come. Annually the LEF Board evaluates the health of the fund, makes contributions based on giving and project needs, and reinvests the earned interest. If you are interested in learning more about the Endowment Fund, please contact J.C. Anderson at 269.921.2513 or email at anderjcna@gmail.com.

2016 LEF Greatest Accomplishments



J.C. Anderson
LEF Chairman

"The mission of LEF is to raise funds and then distribute those funds for the benefit of Lakeshore students, teachers and the community. Our fundraising results have had a nice trend; however, we are always looking for ways to further increase our fundraising to support additional grants and/or projects at the Lakeshore Public Schools."

SILENT AUCTION RAISED OVER $14,000!

The LEF has been seeking a second major fundraiser for the last four (4) years. During our May 2016 Planning Meeting, the idea of a Silent Auction emerged. I am pleased to share with you that the Silent Auction went from an idea to reality in February 2017.

The Silent Auction raised over $14,000!

More details on the Silent Auction are provided in this newsletter. On behalf of the LEF Board, we give a big thank you to the donors and bidders who took part in the auction. The Silent Auction will be held again in 2018.

84% OF MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS RECEIVE MORE PER STUDENT STATE FUNDING THAN LAKESHORE

In the 2016/2017 school year, Lakeshore is once again in the bottom 16% of school districts receiving funding from the state. That means that 84% of the other public districts in Michigan receive more revenue per student than Lakeshore. That is a challenge that we all should embrace to ensure that our students and teachers have the additional funding needed to keep us competitive as a school district and to ensure we have students who are graduating ready for their next phase of life whether it is additional education or employment.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS

As a community, we take on this challenge together. I welcome your comments and feedback on the progress of LEF and any ideas that you have to continue to bring additional funds into LEF. Thank you in advance for your ongoing financial support of our schools, students and teachers.

LAKESHORE SCRAMBLE GOLF OUTING

The June Lakeshore Golf Scramble is our major fundraiser with net proceeds of approximately $25,000. Mark your calendars for the 15th Annual LEF Golf Scramble on June 19. The scramble will be held at Harbor Shores. Last year we had a full roster of foursomes and we want to do it again. It's a great day with challenging golf, a little competitive spirit and, of course, great raffles and participation prizes. Thank you for considering your participation and support of the LEF.

Sincerely,
J.C. Anderson

INTRODUCING OUR NEXT BIG PROJECT:

STEM

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS

STEM IMPLEMENTATION

As we enter our next major project (STEM), we are developing project specific information to help our contributors understand the WHY's and the WHAT's of this $425,000 investment. Look for more information on pages 10 and 11 of this newsletter.

LEF held its first ever Online Silent Auction January 30 - February 10, 2017.

Through the generous donations of unique auction items, we raised over $14,000 in the two-week auction. Thank you to those who participated and to those who were winners of items. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Donors to the 2017 Silent Auction

- Austin Tax and Financial
- Bill Scaletta
- Bit of Swiss Bakery
- Bob Lausman and Chad Deja
- bread+bar by Bit of Swiss
- Chris Cook, Abonmarche
- Dick Conrad
- Dr. John Marohn, Great Lakes Eye Care
- Eric and Sophie Bauchet
- Fred and Sandy Welch
- Freedom Boat Club of Michiana
- Friends of LEF
- Harbor Shores Golf Club
- Hartline's Garden Center and Harvest Stand in Baroda
- J.C. Anderson
- J.C. Anderson, Eric Bauchet, Lori Von Koenig and Waterfront Framing and Fine Art
- Jim Roberts and Gary Beban
- Josh Winkler, J.C. Anderson
- Karen Garavalia
- Karen Garavalia and the Ventura Family
- Kim McAllister
- Kim Thompson
- Lakeshore High School
- Lakeshore High School Automotive Technology
- Lakeshore High School Choir Program
- Lisa McDowell
- Mark Ficks, Southshore Health and Raquet Club
- Matt Mantei
- Martin's Super Market
- Michael Lovelace
- Mrs. Rescoe's class and Lisa McDowell
- Nancy and J.C. Anderson, Tara Newman
- Phil & Melissa Molloy
- Phil Freeman
- Ralph Eagle, KW Coastal Area Partners
- Scott and Kimberly Risk and Tucker Creative Photo
- Scott Berry Promotions
- Stevensville Chiropractic Center
- Teresa Wozniak
- The Silver Beach Carousel
- Tom and Sharon Austin
- Twin City Players
- United Federal Credit Union- Commercial Lending
- United Federal Credit Union- Mortgage
- United Federal Credit Union- Retirement Planning
- United Investment Planning
- Walt Disney World
- Whirlpool Corporation
- Young Life
- Young Rembrandts

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Grants — Bring Your Idea to Life

The next great idea for our schools can come from anyone: students, teachers, staff, or community members. Every year, the LEF allocates $125,000 for grants that make a positive impact on Lakeshore Public Schools.

APRIL 15 DEADLINE – STEPPING STONES

Develop your talents; explore your interests. If you are a Lakeshore student in any grade, kindergarten through high school, this grant may be for you. By taking some time to prepare an application, you may receive funds to support your personal passion in band, academics, language skills, athletics, the arts, and much more. The LEF does not consider grades and family economics in approving the application.

- The Stepping Stones Grant provides financial assistance to Lakeshore students who pursue their interests, whether it is band, academics, language skills, athletics, and much more.
- Stepping Stones has approved assistance for programs such as Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Chinese Language classes, Nike Golf Camp, Children's Music Workshop, and many more!
- Grades and family economics are NOT a factor in approving the application. This LEF funded program is open to ALL Lakeshore students, from kindergarteners to high school seniors.
- Application available at LEFonline.org

QUESTIONS: Lori Marciniak
(269) 208-2154 marciniak5@comcast.net

APRIL 15 DEADLINE – FOUNDATION PROJECT GRANTS

Do you have a big idea for a quality educational experience that would benefit a large constituency of Lakeshore students, staff, and/or the community? If your idea would cost more than $2,500, you should consider applying for a Foundation Project Grant.

- The Project Grant is typically a request with a completion cost of more than $2,500.
- The proposal may take up to three years to fully implement.
- The proposal should be creative, innovative, and supportive of the LEF mission statement. It should be an idea that the district endorses, but cannot fund — this grant is an opportunity to think BIG!
- The proposal should impact a large constituency of Lakeshore students, staff, and/or community.
- Application available at LEFonline.org

QUESTIONS: Kim McAllister (269) 408-1509
kdmcall@yahoo.com

MAY 1 DEADLINE – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

At Lakeshore, we are privileged to have staff who bring energy, talent and passion to their roles. The Professional Development grants build on the excellence of our staff by providing development opportunities in addition to those provided by the district. The grant may be used for the cost of registration and fees for conferences, seminars, workshops, continuing education, college courses, or similar experiences.

- This grant may be used for a Professional Development opportunity, i.e.: conference, seminar, continuing education college courses, etc. for LPS employees.
- A per diem for meals, travel and hotel expenses will be considered for each proposal, based on the availability of funds.
- If a substitute teacher is needed to cover your class(es) in your absence, the cost of $100/day must be included in the grant.
- The grant request amount may not exceed $750.
- The Professional Development opportunity should be something that the Lakeshore School District would not be able to provide.
- Application available at LEFonline.org

QUESTIONS: Sandy Welch (269) 313-7401
sandywelch@truevine.net

Apply for an LEF Grant today!

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Lakeshore Excellence Foundation's Art Around Town committee would like to remind artists, their families and the public where this season's creations are currently being displayed!

LEF appreciates the generous sponsorship of businesses and individuals supporting this program.

Twenty artists are chosen per season to have their work professionally framed, then a celebratory reception is held at The Curious Kids' Museum in St. Joseph where the art is initially displayed. Afterwards, the creations travel to sponsors' locations for the remainder of the season. Congratulations, once again, to our artists and a note of thanks to our sponsors!

Morgan M.
"Twilight Dreams"
sponsored by Mathnasium: 5651 Cleveland, Stevensville

Morgan W.
"Beautiful Fish in a Bowl"
sponsored by Honor Credit Union: 5960 Cleveland Ave., Stevensville

Logan B.
"Sunny the Silver Beach Turtle"
sponsored by Lakeland Health Park: 3900 Hollywood, St. Joseph

Kelsey W.
"Deforme"
sponsored by Berrien Regional Associates in Neurology: 3950 Hollywood , Suite 230, St. Joseph

Sergio R.
"The Three Fish Trio"
sponsored by Lakeland Health Park:3900 Hollywood, St. Joseph

Cecilia M.
"Mishka"
sponsored by Ani-Med Animal Health Care: 9781 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman

Breanna N.
"Target Design"
sponsored by Austin Tax and Financial: 4231 Red Arrow Highway, Stevensville

Schaeffer Jo O.
"Flower Under a Rainbow"
sponsored by Bridgman Family Dental: 9151 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman

Sydney S.
"Galaxy from the Other Side"
sponsored by Cultivate Brewing, 961 Shawnee Rd., Berrien Springs

To view student artwork online please visit: lefonline.org/art-around-town

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Art Around Town

Rylee M.
"Garden Party"
sponsored by Edgewater Bank: 321 Main St., St. Joseph

Allen M.
"Inkaphone"
sponsored by Martin's Supermarkets: 5637 Cleveland Ave., Stevensville

Jonah S.
"Jonah, a Self-Portrait"
sponsored by Phil Freeman, Superintendent, Lakeshore Administration Office, 5771 Cleveland Ave. Stevensville

Armella H.
"My House"
sponsored by Priebe's Creative Woodworking: 2113 Plaza Dr., Benton Harbor

Natalia N.
"The Opposite Dogs"
sponsored by Schultz Roofing: 100 Anchors Way, St. Joseph

Victoria B.
"Beauty Sleeping"
sponsored by United Federal Credit Union: 5611 Cleveland Ave., Stevensville

Parth P
"Lancer"
sponsored by Watermark Brewing Co.: 5781 St. Joseph Ave., Stevensville

Logan B.
"Delightful Dalmation"
sponsored by Ani-Med Animal Health Care: 9781 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman

Jason M.
"And We Fly"
sponsored by Edgewater Bank: 4097 Hollywood Rd., St. Joseph

Summer B.
"Serenity"
sponsored by Scott Berry Promotions: 1509 W. John Beers Rd., Stevensville

Violet D.
"Yellow Flowers"
sponsored by Young Rembrandts: displayed at Lincoln Township Hall, 2055 West John Beers Rd., Stevensville

Lakeshore students have amazing artistic talents. Everyone should enjoy their artwork.

That's why, since 2006, we have partnered with the Curious Kids' Museum to showcase the work of our budding artists. We work with school staff to select works of art by students in grades K – 12; after all, you never know when the next Picasso may surface right here at Lakeshore. We provide the funds to professionally mat and frame the selected pieces, which are displayed at Curious Kid's Museum in August. We invite everyone to take a look. Business owners who fall in love with a piece (perhaps created by your grandchild or best-ever-kid next door) may lease the art for one year for a mere $150 apiece. By leasing, you are showing your support for Lakeshore schools and our students' work. After artwork has been proudly displayed for a year, we will return it so that young artists can continue to build their portfolios.

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Holocaust Survivor

Eva Mozes was born in 1934 in Porţ, Romania, where her parents, Alexander and Jaffa, landowners and farmers,were the only Jewish residents. They had four girls: Edit, Aliz, and the twins Eva and Miriam.

Eighth and ninth grade students attended Eva Kor's presentation in the Lakeshore High School Auditorium. A Holocaust survivor, forgiveness advocate, and revered public speaker, Eva has emerged through a life of trauma as a brilliant example of the power of the human spirit to overcome.

For over an hour, she shared with the students about her experiences in Auschwitz where she and her twin sister, Miriam, were part of a group of children used as human guinea pigs in genetic experiments under the direction of the now-infamous Dr. Josef Mengele. Eva became gravely ill as a result of these experiments, but through sheer determination, she stayed alive and helped Miriam survive. Approximately 1500 sets of twins were subjected to these experiments.

After her presentation, there was a short question and answer session followed by a book-signing from Eva where she answered additional questions, took selfies, and signed books with students, parents, and staff.

We are thankful for the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation for sponsoring this event and providing an amazing opportunity for our students.

More information about Eva Kor can be found at the website for her museum and non-profit organization that she founded, candlesholocaustmuseum.org.

Get Ready for Spaghetti!

Thursday
April 27, 2017

4:00-7:00 P.M.
Lakeshore High School Cafeteria
(Dine-in buffet dinners or take-out dinners will be available.)
Adults: $10; Children 5-12: $5; 4 and under: Free.

Proceeds will benefit Lakeshore Rotary, Community Projects, and the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation.
Tickets are available from any Lakeshore Rotarian or LEF Trustee. (LEFReachHigher@gmail.com)
Tickets may also be purchased at the door. Walk-ins welcome!

WHAT is the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation?

We are an all-volunteer non-profit 501(c)(3) established in 1997 to work independently, yet collaboratively, with Lakeshore Public Schools and the Board of Education. Our mission is to "acquire and distribute resources in support of Lakeshore Public Schools for programs and projects aimed at enriching or supplementing learning opportunities for students, staff, and community."

Over 90% of our income goes directly into funding projects and grants impacting students throughout the district.

WHY is LEF important to Lakeshore?

The state funding for public schools in Michigan continues to be a challenge and Lakeshore is in the bottom 16% in funding. Yes, 84% of Michigan public school districts receive more state funding on a revenue per student basis. Our needs are greater than ever before.

HOW can you be involved with LEF?

Make a Financial Contribution (additional info at LEFonline.org)
Lancer Leader Contributor
STEM Curriculum Contributor
General Fund or Endowment Contributor
Volunteer to help with special LEF projects and events
Learn more about LEF

Visit our website: LEFOnline.org
Find us on Facebook
Read our newsletter
Contact our Chairman,
J.C. Anderson
(anderjcna@gmail.com)

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STEM EDUCATION

Science Technology Engineering Mathematics

Our nation needs STEM.

We face challenges as never before in complicated issues such as cybersecurity and diseases that stubbornly resist cures. We need future leaders who can collaborate, gather evidence, take risks, and solve problems—exactly the skills acquired by students who study STEM.

Local business needs STEM.

Our employers want to hire a stellar workforce. Our community would be far different without the economic stimulus of companies like Whirlpool, LECO, Bosch, Gast, Lakeland Health, and many others who need employees skilled in STEM. As many as 26 million jobs in the U.S. require significant STEM knowledge, yet too few students choose STEM career pathways.

Lakeshore needs STEM.

STEM will begin at the middle school. We are evaluating the plan on transitioning into the high school and the elementaries over the next two years. The first courses will be in engineering and will provide hands-on experience for students in everyday problem solving.

We are prepared for STEM.

Our students have proven they have the ability to be innovative leaders. A well-designed STEM curriculum taps into students' natural curiosity, using activity and project-based learning to spark interest that leads to well-paid, stimulating and secure careers.

Our teachers have the passion and talent to provide a rich learning environment. They need additional support, new strategies, and resources to bring STEM alive.

Our parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends want the most relevant education for students who will strengthen our communities.

Our school system has prepared well for this next project. We have recognized that education has taken a major shift. By transforming our libraries into 21st Century Learning Centers, we created information hubs that promote collaboration and creation. The STEM project complements the Learning Centers project, extends the concept of our existing Math/Science Center to all students, and fosters excellence and innovation in the areas of study that have made the U.S. a world leader.

Project Lead the Way

Facilitates the Implementation of STEM

Fortunately, a nonprofit organization called Project Lead the Way (PLTW) has already done exactly that – led the way! PLTW transforms the learning experience for K-12 students and teachers, making learning relevant and personal. PLTW empowers students to develop in-demand, transportable knowledge and skills through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science. **PLTW's teacher training and resources enable teachers to engage their students in real-world learning.**

More than 8,000 elementary, middle, and high schools throughout the U.S. offer PLTW programs.

Quality Costs.

We've said it before . . . we'll say it again: quality education has a high price tag.
We anticipate the total LEF spend on STEM will be approximately $425,000. This is based on what similar sized districts have experienced. Over the next year, we will understand the additional equipment, training, and curriculum that will be required, the timeline, and the costs associated with implementation of STEM.

Join us in engaging the minds, spirits and talents of our students and teachers. Help us build a workforce ready to meet the challenges of both today and tomorrow.

Plan now to contribute to the STEM project, not just this year but every year for three years!

CONTRIBUTION FORM

Name of Contributor(s):

_____

Address/City/State:

_____

Phone (Home): _____
Phone (Work): _____
Phone (Cell): _____
Email: _____

Are you a Lakeshore graduate? ☐ YES ☐ NO
If YES, what year did you graduate? _____

Will your employer match this contribution?
☐ YES ☐ NO

My contribution amount: $_____

Optional:
My gift is in honor/memory of:

_____

Address/City/State:

_____

Send form and contribution to:

Lakeshore Excellence Foundation
5771 Cleveland Avenue, Stevensville, MI 49127

Please make checks payable to Lakeshore Excellence Foundation.

LEF is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Your contributions to LEF are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

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In short, we all need to work together to bring STEM to Lakeshore Public Schools. So it's no surprise that the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation has pledged to fill the funding gap that can make STEM learning opportunities within the reach of every Lakeshore student.

New Trustee – Raymond Elmore

Raymond Elmore

Raymond works for Hartwell & Wolf- Accounting, Wealth Management, and Insurance as the Director of Operations. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia with a double major in Mathematics and Managerial Economics. He later earned his Accounting degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Management Accountant (CMA), Certified Financial Manager (CFM), Associate in Insurance Accounting & Finance (AIAF), Health & Life Insurance licensed, and is currently studying to pass his Series 7 and 66 licenses. Raymond and his family relocated to Stevensville, Michigan from the Richmond, Virginia area at the end of 2010. His wife, Cara, is a graduate of the Diagnostic Sonography program at Lake Michigan College and now works for several medical facilities as a Registered Medical Diagnostic Sonographer. Their three children (Will- 17, Brooke- 15, and Hope - 9) are all students in the Lakeshore School System. In his "spare time", Raymond enjoys watching, playing, and coaching sports. He is a lifelong Notre Dame fan and works all home football games as part of the university's Game Management program. He also shares a love of the arts. He volunteers at all of his children's musical performances produced by Children's Music Workshop and has acted as a Featured Extra on television shows.

ATTENTION:
Lakeshore Alumni

If you graduated from Lakeshore High School, you are automatically a member of the Lakeshore Alumni Association!

Whether you attended classes wearing a Poodle Skirt or a mini-skirt, a bow tie or a T-shirt, you remember special things about Lakeshore High. Like the words of our school songs suggest, we are loyal to our school. When we think about Lakeshore, we are filled with Lancer Pride.

The Alumni Association makes it possible for you to reconnect with old classmates, socialize with new friends, and support the school that provided you with an excellent educational foundation . . . and many, many memories.

Don't worry; we do not require dues or membership fees. We are grateful for the financial support of the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation and for the efforts of our all-volunteer board. We just want to make it simple for you to stay in touch, to participate in alumni events, and to contribute to those Lakeshore school initiatives that may inspire you.

Visit the the Lakeshore Public Schools website at: lakeshoreschools.k12.mi.us and enter your contact information. The ALUMNI FORM is on the opening page!

We look forward to connecting.

AMAZON SMILE -- A New Way to Give!

Are you an Amazon.com shopper? Did you know if you use Amazon Smile that you can buy the exact same items for the same price and a portion of your sale will come back to LEF? It's easy to get started — add "Lakeshore Excellence Foundation" to your account and make sure smile.amazon.com is in your browser when you are shopping.

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Look for the Amazon "Smile", Bookmark It!
Questions? https://smile.amazon.com/gp/aw/ch/about

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